CENTRAL FAX CENTER

OCT 1 8 2005

32692 Customer Number

Patent Case No.: 58907US002

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named Inventor:

OLSON, DAVID B.

Application No.:

10/748049

3M

Group Art Unit:

1772

Filed:

December 30, 2003

Examiner:

Simone, Catherine

Title:

POLYMERIZABLE COMPOSITION FOR OPTICAL ARTICLES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION [37 CFR § 1.8(a)]

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being:

deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Itransmitted by facsimile on the date shown below to the United States Patent and Trademark Office at 571-273-8300.

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2005. Claims 1-22 are pending. Claims 1-22 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

- Claims 1-13 and 19 are said to be drawn to a brightness enhancing film, classified in Class 526, subclass 68;
- Π Claims 14-18 and 20-22 are said to be drawn to an article, classified in Class 428, subclass 156;

Election

In response, Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-13 and 19), without traverse.

Reconsideration and withdrawal or modification of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

Application No.: 10/748049

Case No.: 58907US002

Conclusion

Applicants have elected Group I (claims 1-13 and 19). Continued prosecution of this application is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn A. Fischer, Reg. No.: 39,091

Telephone No.: 651-575-3915

Office of Intellectual Property Counsel 3M Innovative Properties Company

Facsimile No.: 651-736-3833